

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicants: Qian, et al.

Group Art Unit:

Serial No:

Examiner: Wu, J.

Filed:

Title: METHOD FOR IMAGE CHARACTERIZATION USING COLOR AND
TEXTURE STATISTICS WITH EMBEDDED SPATIAL INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

1600 ODS Tower
601 SW Second Ave.
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January 31, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

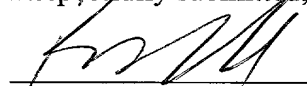
In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8, without prejudice.

Remarks

Claims 1-8 have been cancelled which are the subject of a related application.

Respectfully submitted,



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